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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Peter EBNER ET AL. - 7 (RCE)
SERIAL NO.: 10/806,773 EXAMINER: S. KASTLER
FILED: MARCH 23, 2004 GROUP: 1742
TITLE: HOOD-TYPE ANNEALING FURNACE, ESPECIALLY FOR STEEL
STRIP AND WIRE BUNCHES

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION IN RCE

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the First Office Action dated December 12,
2006, Applicant responds as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.